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Applicant: Stephen E. Berkheimer)
Application: 09/977,502)
Filing Date: October 15, 2001)
Docket No.: BER6209P0012US)

RESPONSE TO FORMALITIES LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A copy of the Formalities Letter dated November 14, 2001, is submitted herewith. A two-month extension for responding to the Formalities Letter is requested.

As required by the Formalities Letter, a declaration executed by the applicant, Stephen E. Berkheimer, is submitted herewith.

Moreover, a check for \$707.00 is submitted herewith. The check covers the balance due, which is \$507.00, and the extension fee, which is \$200.00. You are authorized to charge any deficiency or any other fee that may be now due to Deposit Account No. 04-1644.

Moreover, nine sheets of substitute drawings, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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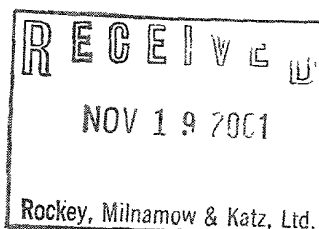
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$72.
 - \$72 for 8 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 507.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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